

MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SEVENTH DAY

Monday the 18th October 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (Sri H. S. Rudrappa, B.Sc., LL.B., in the Chair.)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Sri V. R. NAIDU (Malleswaram).—Sir, questions 158, 170, 294, 26 and 452 may all be taken up together as they relate to the same subject-matter.

MR. SPEAKER.—Yes. All the members may put their respective Questions first.

Crimes in Bangalore City and other parts of the State.

Q.—158. Sri V. R. NAIDU.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that people have become fear-stricken due to the acts of theft, dacoity and the like in the City and other parts of the State;

(b) whether they would take action to set up a 'vigilance corps' consisting of public persons and provide them with conveyance, arms and honorarium in order to check such occurrences?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(a) A scare has been created by some persons but there has been no justification as the crime has not shown any sharp rise.

(b) Station Vigilance Committees have been organised in Bangalore Corporation Area, since respectable members of the public are volunteering to serve on these Committees.

Q.—170. Sri P. R. RAMAIIYA (Basavangudi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many cases of house-breaking and theft were reported during the year 1953-54, in the area of Corporation of the City of Bangalore;

(b) how many cases were detected and what were the punishments given to the culprits;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that in the recent months, cases of house-breaking and theft in the Corporation of the City of Bangalore, have been much more than usual and the requests of the public for protection have been more persistent than ever;

(d) the steps taken by the Police Department to check the growth of this kind of crime in the area of the Corporation of the City of Bangalore?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(a) 875 from 1st April 1953 to 31st March 1954.

(b) Detected 516. The punishments awarded are under compilation and it may take considerable time.

(c) No.

The agitation for more police protection is presistent.

(d) Day and night patrols have been arranged. Vigilance Committees have been formed to check the spread of false alarms.

Recourse is being had to the preventive sections of law.

Q.—294. Sri R. ANANTARAMAN (Chamarajapet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of offences of theft and house breaking committed during